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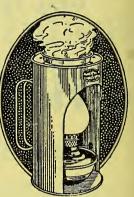
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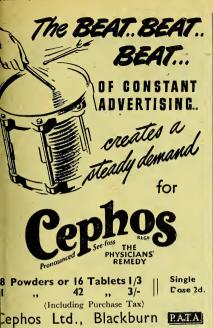


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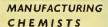
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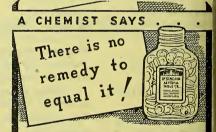
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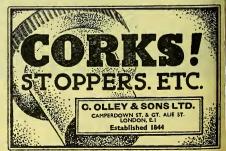
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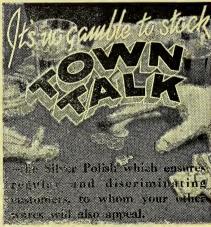
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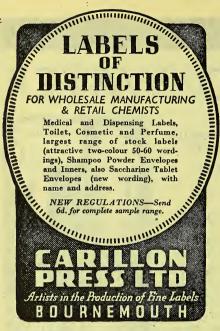
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Doctor Struck Off.—The General Medical buncil has instructed its Registrar to dete from the Medical Register the name Thomas Sylvester O'Neill, Woodstock, nelf, Halifax.

Sixth Addendum Ointments.—The Secrery to the British Pharmacopæia Comission has sent to the official Gazettes, for iblication on June 9, notice that the period ring which ointments prepared according the original formulas of the British larmacopæia or Addenda may be spensed or supplied is extended until ther notice.

Patents Act Inquiry.—A first sitting has en held by the committee appointed by a Board of Trade to consider and report ether any, and if so what, changes are sirable in patents practice (see C. & D., 19, 6, p. 486). Persons desiring to submit gestions or give evidence are invited to mmunicate with the joint secretaries of a committee at the Patent Office, 25 uthampton Buildings, London, W.C.2.

Key Industry Duty Exemptions.—The Treasury has made an Order exempting from Key Industry Duty the following acyl derivatives of urea: Iso-amyl ethyl barbituric acid; sodium iso-amyl ethyl barbiturate; and sodium propyl-methyl-carbinyl allyl barbiturate. The Order (S.R. & O., 1944, No. 595) is effective from June 30.

British Pharmaceutical Conference.—Arrangements have been made by the executive committee to hold the annual meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference at the Waldorf Hotel, Aldwych, London, W.C.2, on Tuesday, July 11. A light lunch and a lounge tea will be provided, and an inclusive day ticket at 10s. 6d. may be obtained on application to the Conference secretaries at 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, as early as possible and not later than June 27. PROGRAMME.—9.30 a.m., opening meeting at the Waldorf Hotel; 10.45 a.m., science session; 1 p.m., luncheon; 2.15 p.m., science session;

4.30 p.m., tea; 5 p.m., science session, followed by business meeting.

Bolton Company's Savings Contribution.—Wigglesworth, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Bolton, have contributed £7,000 to the town's Salute the Soldier Week. Mr. J. W. Wigglesworth subscribed £2,000.

Eire Alcohol Factory Reopened.—Distillation of alcohol from potatoes has been resumed by the Labbydish alcohol factory, co. Donegal, because of the availability of an ample supply of surplus potatoes to keep the factories going for at least two months.

Payments from Brotherton Trust.—Payments amounting to £2,020 have been made recently to various charitable and educational institutions and organisations in Liverpool and Bebington, under a trust created in 1940 by the late Mr. C. F. R. Brotherton, manufacturing chemist, who set aside £250,000 for the purpose.

Surrey Adopts Penny-in-£ Scheme.—At a meeting on May 24, the County of Surrey Pharmaceutical Committee decided to adopt the "Penny-in-the-£" scheme under which, contractors for National Health Insurance dispensing undertake to assist the War-aid and War-distress funds of the Pharmaceutical Society and National Pharmaceutical Union. It is hoped to secure practically 100 per cent. support.

West Ham Association.—The West Ham and Eastern District Association of Pharmacists and local branch of the Pharmaceutical Society have appointed their officers for the year, as follows: President and Chairman, Mr. W. Cloud, Barking; Vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Harris, Ilford, and T. W. Forster, New Barking; Treasurer, Mr. J. Reed, West Ham; Secretary, Mr. Stanley Robinson, 21 Broadhurst Avenue, Ilford.

Women Pharmacists' Officers.—The National Association of Women Pharmacists has appointed the following officers for the year: President and Employment Secretary, Miss M. C. Islip; Vice-president, Miss C. Mozley-Stark; Secretary, Miss E. F. Hayward, 66 King William Walk, Greenwich, London, S.E.10; Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Pratt; Publications Officer, Miss D. M. Jones; Assistant Employment Secretary, Miss E. M. Brighton, The Moat, Sandy Lodge Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.

Medway Annual Meeting.—At the annual meeting of the Medway Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, held at Chatham on May 18, the following officers and

committee were elected: Chairman, Mr. Ross; Vice-chairman, Mr. W. D. Barker; Secretary, Mr. R. I. Wyle; Tre surer, Mr. J. E. French; Committee, Mess Deans, Harris, McFall, Vincent, Beveridg Geeves, Miller. Discussion followed on tl proposed scale of wages for workers pharmacy, and the need for unity in vie of impending events.

Hull Elects Second Woman President.-At the annual meeting of the Hull Chemist Association recently, Miss Elsie Beatric Palmer was invested with the presidenti chain and medallion of office. She is th second woman to hold this office, the fire being the late Miss Muriel Bolton. Bot were apprentices of Mr. E. H. Earl Other officers elected at the meeting were Vice-presidents, Messrs. E. A. Brocklehur. and G. E. King; Secretary, Mr B. Foster Minute Secretary, Mr. Garrett; Treasure Mr. N. Harrison; Committee, Messr Brocklehurst, Booth, Cargill, Matthew Newton, and L. Little.

T.U.C. and Industrial Medicine.—Repri sentatives of the General Council of th Trades Union Congress attended a meetin of the social and preventive medicin committee of the Royal College of Phy sicians in London recently and stated the views on training for and the practice of industrial medicine. Thev urged th medical profession to recognise more full the importance of providing for the stud of industrial diseases, and suggested specialised course of training to qualif young practitioners for industrial appoint ments, at the same time urging a mor general diffusion of knowledge of the subject among doctors in general practice.

Penicillin Film.—A film dealing with th discovery and development for therapeuti purposes of penicillin is being sponsored by Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., i conjunction with the Therapeutic Research Corporation. There is a possibility that th picture may be distributed by the Ministry of Information. In Britain the film should help to remove popular misconception concerning this "miracle drug," and abroac it should do much to establish-or when necessary re-establish-British claims to priority of discovery and medicinal exploita tion. Professor A. Fleming, Professor H. W. Florey, and Dr. E. Chain will collaborate in making the film.

Manchester Office-holders.—The following appointments are announced from Manchester: Pharmaceutical Association, President, Mr. W. E. Phillipson; Vice

residents, Messrs. W. Edwards and W. Wilkinson; Treasurer, Mr. G. V. Tyler; Social Secretary, Mr. J. H. Franklin; Secretary, Mr. F. Miller, 3 Wyngate Road, Hale, Cheshire. Junior Branch of the Association, Chairman, Mr. T. B. Chadvick; Vice-chairman, Mr. W. Robson; Treasurer, Miss Morrison; Secretary, Mr. J. Comlinson. Manchester and Salford Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, Chairman, Mr. Harry Brindle; Vice-hairman, Mr. Harry Steinman; Treasurer, Mr. G. V. Tyler; Secretary, Mr. T. Miller.

Eire Students' Council.—At a meeting of he Pharmaceutical Students' Representaive Council held in Dublin, recently, Mr. . Tierney (chairman) presiding, it was greed, on the motion of Miss J. O'CONNOR, econded by Mr. F. Fox, to co-opt Miss U. Gleeson to fill a vacancy created by the esignation of Miss M. Wilson. Satisfaction vas expressed at action taken by the Counil of the Pharmaceutical Society, following epiesentations from the Students' Council, egarding the term examinations. usly, students unsuccessful at the Society's erm examinations had been obliged to take nother course of lectures in the subject in hich they failed; under the amended uling the student could go forward again or the term examination without being bliged to repeat his attendance at lectures.

Irish Chemists' Golf.—The Irish Chemists' olfing Society held competitions at Bray olf Club recently for prizes presented y Proprietaries (Eire), Ltd., and Harwood Bros. An 18-holes strokes contest for the no prizes was won by Mr. Phil Fahey (18) rith 69, Mr. P. McAuliffe (15) being second rith 70. In an 18-holes bogey competition or the MacLean prizes the winner was Ir. W. J. Webb (18), all square, the unner-up being Mr. J. Moran (4), all quare. In a 9-holes strokes contest for the Harwood Bros.' prize Mr. J. Draffin (7) vas the winner with 35, and Mr. D. Gillen 9), also with 35, received the second prize. he captain (Mr. S. J. Savage) presided t a supper held subsequently at the clubouse, when those present included Messrs. yall G. Smith (president, Irish Drug ssociation) and P. J. McCarthy (captain, Bray Golf Club). Mr. Savage thanked nembers for turning out in such numbers, nd congratulated Mr. Percy Harwood n the fine lot of prizes he had procured or the occasion. A vote of thanks to the onors of the prizes was passed on the notion of Mr. P. McAuliffe, Mr. Har-ood replying. Thanks was also voted to

the club for the use of the course, and to the management for the excellence of the catering. The next Wednesday outing of the Society is to be held at Newlands, co. Dublin, on July 12, when the competition will be for prizes presented by May, Roberts (Ireland), Ltd.

Australian and N.Z. Shippers.—At a recent meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Merchants' and Shippers' Association, the chairman (Mr. D. Vernon Tomson) reported on interviews with the Board of Trade and Federation of British Industries on Lease-lend, and said the authorities concerned were prepared to deal with specific cases brought to their notice of orders needlessly diverted from Britain. He also reported that the hold-up of unsponsored cargo for Australia had been rectified and the accumulation of such cargo cleared. A member pointed out that staffs of firms engaged in export trade were being relentlessly called up, with no apparent thought of the position that was gradually being forced on this most important branch of industry, whereby those having the necessary experience would be lost at about the time when the greatest export effort would need to be made. It was decided to make representations through the London General Export Merchants' Group, London Chamber of Commerce, for some form of priority.

Astral Spectroscopy.—"Metals in Stars" was the subject of the thirty-fourth annual May lecture of the Institute of Metals, delivered by the Astronomer Royal (Sir Harold Spencer Jones, F.R.S.) in London recently. The radiations absorbed or given out by the atoms of a given element are determined by the different possible energy levels of the atoms, said the lecturer. The ultimate lines are those associated with atomic transitions from or to the unexcited or ground-state, and they provide the most sensitive test for the presence of an element. The elements present in the outer layers of the sun are essentially the same as those found in the earth. The stars show a wide diversity, but it is possible to arrange the spectra in a continuous linear sequence, the variations being due primarily to differences in temperature. Interstellar space contains an extremely tenuous gas, in which atoms of the metals calcium, sodium, titanium and iron have been detected. The H and K lines of ionised calcium are intense in the spectrum of the average star, and can be identified in the spectra of distant universes. This makes it possible to determine line-ofsight velocities and infer distances.

LEGAL REPORTS

Box-number Advertisements of Cameras.—At Bath police court, on June 1, William John Livingstone appeared on six charges of stealing, by means of a trick, money totalling £542. His method was to advertise cameras for sale under a box number, receiving the money but failing to supply the cameras. Livingstone was committed for trial at the July Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed. He pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence.

Unsupervised Sale of Morphine.—At the Huddersfield police court, recently, a fine of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ was imposed upon Frank Ellis, M.P.S., 18 Peel Street, Marsden, on each of two charges under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act. The first concerned the sale of morphine in a container not labelled in the manner prescribed, and the second its sale otherwise than under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. Defendant did not appear, but pleaded guilty by letter, adding that he did not care to leave his premises lest in his absence something might happen to render him liable to further prosecution.

Cyanide Murder Charge.—At Dublin district court, on May 23, James Herbert Lehman, alias McCague, was returned for trial on a charge of murdering his wife by poisoning her with potassium cyanide on March 9. Evidence of purchase had been given by Sean Gilsenan, Ph.C., 220 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin, who stated that on March 4 Lehman came to his shop and asked for potassium cyanide for testing "I told him how dangerous the cyanides were, and Lehman said he had seen them used before," said Mr. Gilsenan. On March 8 witness supplied to Lehman a crystal weighing 21 gm. but did not immediately enter it on the Register.

Pharmacy Act Offence.—At Croydon police court, on May 26, W. G. Clare, Surrey Street, Croydon, was summoned by the Pharmaceutical Society for selling poisons not being a qualified pharmacist or doctor, and for failing to label the bottle with the name and address of the seller. On March 2 an agent of the Society bought a bottle of Optabs eye-lotion tablets from an assistant in Clare's shop. When questioned, the assistant stated that she did not know the tablets were a poison and would draw Clare's attention to the fact. In his defence Clare, who pleaded guilty, stated that he had played no active part in the business for four years, all the work being in the hands of a manageress. He was fined a total of £5, with costs.

COMPANY NEWS

Cow & GATE, LTD.—Profit for the yea ended September 30, 1943, amounted to £106,938. Dividend, 15 per cent. (10 pe cent. in the previous year).

TAMPAX, LTD.—The following appoint ments have been made to the board o directors: Mr. W. W. J. Studd, chairman and Mr. E. F. Budd, managing director.

Benger's Food, Ltd.—Profit for year ended March 31 amounted to £26,248 against £25,856 in the previous year. Dividend on ordinary shares, 10 per cent. (same) Carry-forward, £26,800 (£22,552).

STEVENSON & HOWELL, LTD.—Trading profit for 1943 amounted to £53,841, against £62,511 in the previous year. Final dividend declared on ordinary stock is 8 per cent., tax free (same), making 13 per cent., tax free, for the year.

J. L. & J. FIELD, LTD.—Net profit for the year ended March 31 amounted to £18,894, against £17,861 in the previous year. Dividend on ordinary stock, 7 per cent. (same). Carry-forward, £29,771 (28,377).

Dubarry Perfumery Co., Ltd.—Trading profit for the year ended December 31, 1943, amounted to £35,654, against £104,630 in the preceding year. Final dividend on ordinary shares, 2½ per cent., making 12½ per cent. (15 per cent.) for the year. Carryforward, £2,822 (£1,340).

TIMOTHY WHITES & TAYLORS, LTD.—Mr. A. J. Espley, M.P.S., has resigned from the managing directorship of Timothy Whites & Taylors, Ltd., and its subsidiary companies, in order to devote more time to the outside interests and post-war problems of the company, and has been appointed co-vice-chairman with Mr. Louis Nicholas and advisory director to the board. Mr. G. I. Rushton, M.P.S., who has been assistant managing director for a number of years, becomes managing director.

KEMPTHORNE, PROSSER & Co.'s NEW ZEALAND DRUG Co., Ltd.—Directors' report for the year ended January 31 gives the following figures: Unappropriated balance brought forward, £39,322; net profit for current year, £52,079; less interim dividend for half-year to July 31, 1943, at 3½ per cent., £22,775; leaving £68,626. Payment is recommended of a dividend of 4½ per cent., making 8 per cent. for the year; contributions to patriotic and other funds, £1,000; carry-forward, £38,343. Messrs. F. M. Oldham and J. H. Meek (retiring directors) offer themselves for re-election.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Council Secrecy

Your effective protest (p. 599) against an ll-advised defence of Council secrecy—or s it secretiveness?—in a contemporary aises again the question of how much nformation about the proceedings of the Pharmaceutical Society's Council should e published. In or about 1920 a member f the Council of that day remarked to me hat its affairs had reached a stage renderng discussion in committee desirable over wider range than before. It did not then ccur to ordinary students of public usiness, I believe, that this expedient vould harden into a fixed policy. No one ecognises more willingly than I do the leed for due preparation, for diplomatic company before important decisions are pproach, before important decisions are hade; and the late President Wilson's hrase about open covenants openly rrived at has always seemed to me an ver-simplification. But it is a very ifferent matter when, month after month, ear after year, we are put off with dry eports of the acceptance of resolutions, ccompanied for the most part by nothing ut an occasional pat on the back for some hairman of committee. Such reports soon ire the patience of all but the most obseuious readers, with the result that after hasty glance they are passed over. The est that can be said for the gloomy record that about once or twice a year it is rightened by something indicated by a arenthetic "hear, hear" or "laughter." ery few councillors, indeed, have on occaon expressed at the sacred table a desire for nore publicity for the Council's proceed-ngs; but their voices, like the chord in a rell-known poem, have trembled away into ilence. Can this be regarded as a healthy tate of affairs? It looks, however, as if the trange defence of secrecy referred to has een neutralised by no less an authority han the president of the Society, who at ts annual meeting spoke to this effect: Possibly there was room for more explanaion why certain decisions were taken, and e hoped that after the war there would e improvements in that direction.'

United Front

The relations that should exist between redical practitioners and practising pharacists have been happily summarised in Dr. F. A. Barrie's recent address to the iverpool Chemists' Association (p. 596). If each class shows "respect for the other's rovince," questions that arise in the

ordinary course of prescribing and dispensing can be settled without friction. The speaker wisely remarked that it would not be easy to forbid chemists to prescribethough I am not so sure that doctors could easily be forbidden to dispense. The so-called prescribing of chemists is largely a matter of giving advice over the counter: no experienced pharmacist is likely to bring himself into collision with the Apothecaries Act of 1815. We may all agree that restriction of the number of times a prescription may be dispensed is, in general, desirable; some discrimination, however, is, I think, allowable. There appears to be no harm in repeating an application for an intractable skin complaint within a reasonable limit of time; on the other hand, a "simple bromide mixture," in the case instanced by Dr. Barrie, involves a serious risk. The old problem of giving copies of prescriptions has been, of course, thoroughly investigated in "The Art of Dispensing." More laboratory work for pharmacists and a united front for medicine and pharmacy are desiderata on which I cordially agree with Dr. Barrie. Pharmacists will sympathise with a protest that I saw the other day: it was pointed out that doctors do not take kindly to being instructed, in a newly published official pamphlet, on diets for cases of stomachic or duodenal ulceration.

Scales of Fees

Analysts, too, have their troubles, as an address by Mr. T. McLachlan (p. 597) shows. There is no obvious reason, for instance, why a hospital biochemist should either be a medical man or be subordinate to one. The speaker's specific examples of inferior rank being assigned to analytical chemists need not be discussed here: it will suffice to remark that salary is ordinarily proportioned to status, and that poorly paid positions will naturally be less attractive to promising chemists than those affording better opportunities. Mr. McLachlan suggests that if "officialdom" rates chemists so low, industrial companies will "probably think along the same lines." That, surely, does not follow; important industrial houses are too well informed to indulge in cheeseparing over salaries. After the war an ambitious young chemist with adequate qualifications should have a choice of fields for his talents: the plastics industry, among others, comes readily to mind as destined to call for further research and scientific control. Xrayser

BIRTHS

Batt.—Recently, Marjorie, the wife of Mr. Charles Batt, M.P.S.I., 56 St. Helen's Road, Booterstown, co. Dublin, of a daughter.

LAWRIE.—At Homelands nursing home, Glasgow, on June 1, Muriel, the wife of Charles M. Lawrie, 300 Dumbarton Road, Partick, Glasgow, W.1, of a son.

SMAIL.—At 12 Garrioch Crescent, Glasgow, on May 31, Margaret Jean, the wife of David Cuthbert Smail, M.P.S., 295 Parliamentary Road, Glasgow, C.4, of a son.

THOM.—At Dublin, on May 21, Mercy (née Robinet), the wife of William E. Thom, Ph.C., The Kimmage Pharmacy, 151 Lower Kimmage Road, Dublin, of a daughter.

DEATHS

CLEWORTH.—On May 22, Mrs. Alice Cleworth, widow of the late Mr. John Cleworth, M.P.S., 78 Brantingham Road, Whalley Range, Manchester, 16, aged sixty-eight.

CROASDALE.—Recently, after a long illness, Mr. Arthur Herbert Croasdale, 24
Butter Market, Ipswich, aged forty-five.

CURRIE.—At 6 North Fort Street, Leith, Edinburgh, on May 13, Mrs. Louisa Banzies Currie, wife of Mr. Archibald Currie, Ph.C.

EASTLAND.—On May 24, Mr. Thomas Nix Eastland, High Street, Attleborough, Norfolk, aged seventy-three.

MEYRICK.—At the Hospice, Harold's Cross, Dublin, on May 27, Mr. Henry Corbett Meyrick, L.P.S.I., Arbutus, Carrickbrennan Road, Monkstown, co. Dublin, formerly of Drogheda. Mr. Meyrick qualified in 1895.

Reed, J.P., The Warren, Handcross, Sussex (chairman of William Reed, Ltd., East-cheap Buildings, London, E.C.3, publishers of "The Grocer," "The Wine and Spirit Trade Review," and various other trade publications), aged eighty-three. Mr. Reed was the elder son of Mr. William Reed, founder of the company, who died in 1920 at the age of ninety, and who was closely related to Messrs. Morgan Brothers, proprietors of The Chemist and Druggist at that time.

Ross.—At Hoylake, recently, Major Raymond St. George Ross, formerly Borough Analyst of Burnley, aged eighty. Russell.—At a nursing home in Edin burgh, on May 26, Mr. John Russell, M.P.S Hillcliffe, High Road, Stevenston. M Russell qualified in 1915.

Shaw.—On May 22, Mr. Vincent Shaw M.P.S., Woodfield, Queen's Road, Edgertor Huddersfield, aged sixty-six.

SHORTT.—At Wallington, Surrey, on Jun 4, Mr. E. J. Shortt (May & Baker, Ltd.).

· STRACHAN.—At 29 Belvidere Crescent Aberdeen, on May 16, Mrs. Harriet E. Watt Strachan, widow of the late Mr. Alexande Strachan, M.P.S., aged eighty-three.

SUMNER.—At Laragh, 76 Eglinton Road Dublin, on May 19, the wife of Mr. Henr J. Sumner, M.P.S.I.

WILLIAMS.—On active service in June 1943, Mr. Dennis Leslie Williams, M.P.S. R.A.F., 23 Tivoli Street, Cheltenham Mr. Williams qualified in 1941. He has previously been reported missing, presumed killed.

WILLS

Mr. Thomas Charles, M.P.S., Queer Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, left £11,309, with net personalty £8,100.

MR. GWILYM JOHN LLOYD, M.P.S., 448 Kingsland Road, Dalton, London, E., left £7,734, with net personalty £5,747.

Mr. Norman Douglas Brown, M.P.S., 80 Pitshanger Lane, Ealing, London, W.5, left £1,903, with net personalty £1,863.

Mr. David Evan Davies, M.P.S., 69 Church Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W., formerly in business at High Street, Wimbledon, and Treorchy, Glam, left £9,691.

MR. EDWARD RAMSEY PHILLIPS, 38 Merrion Square, Dublin, a former representative in Ireland for Cooper, McDougall & Robertson, Ltd., left personal estate in England and Eire valued at £1,640.

MR. Kenneth Graeme Lionel Brooke Spence, Cwmcarvan Court, Cwmcarvan, Mon., a director of Peter Spence & Sons, chemical manufacturers, Manchester, left £93,234, with net personalty £75,485.

DR. FRANK LEE PYMAN, D.Sc., F.R.S., Manor House, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts (director of research, Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., formerly Professor of Technological Chemistry, Municipal College of Technology, Manchester University), left £38,236, with net personalty £32,926.

TRADE NOTES

Supplies Available.—Westminster Laboatories, Ltd., Penn, Bucks, are now in a osition to supply Ki-uma ointment in tins nd 1-lb. cartons. Terms are given in an nnouncement in this issue.

Mersalyl, B.D.H., Price Correction.—In advertisement by The British Drug louses, Ltd., London, N.I, in last week's sue of the C. & D. (p. 6), obsolete prices ere given. Current prices for this product re as shown in the company's price list ated February 1944.

Demand Greater than Supplies.—The akers of Juno-Junipah salts (Thomas arns, Ltd., 123 Coldharbour Lane, London, E.5) state that orders for this product have ceeded production, and they ask the dulgence of wholesalers and retailers, suring them they are doing their utmost fulfil all orders as soon as possible.

Again in Full Supply.—British Schering, td., London, W.C.I, announce that olganal B Oleosum is now being produced the company's own manufacturing

boratories in England, and that adequate ipplies are available. A new dosage scheme is been adopted following recent clinical idings, and the preparation is now availle in ampoules of 0.01, 0.02, 0.05 and

Manchester Depôt.—Johnson & Sons anufacturing Chemists, Ltd., London, ve details in an announcement in this issue a depôt at Manchester from which lemists in the North of England may tain supplies of photographic chemicals ad supplies. The Manchester depôt is illy stocked, and it is hoped that chemists the vicinity will send their orders to the orthern address in order to economise transport.

Sources of Supply.—Hall, Forster & Co., td., Newcastle-on-Tyne, direct the attenon of chemists in the North of England the fact that stocks of Forster's Fenolin uid and vaporisers are obtainable from ost wholesalers in Manchester, Liverpool, eeds, York, Middlesbrough, Darlington, ewcastle, Hull, Derby, and Leicester. dvertising is to recommence in the early utumn, and dealers are advised to order applies accordingly.

Sulphathiazole Price Reduction.—CIBA, TD., The Laboratories, Horsham, Sussex, nnounce that from June 12 reduced prices ill operate for Cibazol (sulphathiazole iba) tablets, powder, 5 per cent. ointment and 5.5-c.c. ampoules.—This week's front cover advertisement by PHARMACEUTICAL SPECIALITIES (MAY & BAKER). Dagenham, gives particulars of price reductions of Thiazamide brand sulphathiazole (M. & B. 760), which come into operation on June 12.

Business Changes

ST. AUSTELL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY. LTD., has opened a pharmacy at St. Austell, Cornwall.

Mrs. Helen Donald, 46 Burnside Street, Glasgow, has applied for a licence authorising her to extend the scope of her business to include the sale of patent medicines.

MR. JOHN H. WOOD (secretary, Guild of Public Pharmacists) states that since June 1 his address has been 77 Lowther Road, Barnes, London, S.W.13; telephone: Riverside 3100.

Proprietary Articles Trade Association

Additions to Protected List .- Parke, Davis & Co., Takazyma, new 1-lb. size, 144s. doz., tax 24s. doz., inclusive retail price, 20s. Prices in Eire, 19s. 6d., 156s. doz.

Deletion.—The Curacho Co., 3-oz. size Cur-

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Alterations.—R. Demuth, Ltd., Spic liquid deodorant, 2-oz. size, 12s. doz., tax 4s. doz., i.r.p. is. iod.; i-oz. size withdrawn.

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 11

MANCHESTER PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.— Ramble to New Mills and Chinley. London Road Station, 9.30 a.m. Book Chinley return.

Friday, June 16

WEST HAM AND EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIA-TION OF PHARMACISTS and Branch, Church Institute, 27 Romford Road, Stratford, London, E.15, at 7.45 p.m. Mr. F. W. Adams, B.Sc. (deputy-secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society), on "The National Health Service and the Subjects of the Postponed Branch Representatives' Meeting."

Valuable.—£520 was paid for a copy of Ruskin's "Book of Hours" at Sotheby's, London, on June 6. Your paper salvage will not fetch such high prices but is immensely valuable to the invasion effort.

PERSONALITIES

ALDERMAN C. A. CRITCHLEY, J.P., Ph.C., has been reappointed vice-president of the Blackburn Conservative Party.

PRIVATE LOUIS MYERS, a former employee of Lax & Shaw, Ltd., Leeds, is reported wounded on active service.

Mr. B. T. Law, M.P.S., 7 Rosemount, West Byfleet, Surrey, was one of two local preachers recognised at a recent special service at the Methodist Church, Byfleet.

Mr. W. McIntosh (Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd.) has been appointed treasurer for the coming twelve months of the Edinburgh Branch, Incorporated Salesmen's Association.

COUNCILLOR G. M. SHAW, Ph.C., High Street, Carrickfergus, co. Antrim, has tendered his resignation to Carrickfergus urban district council on grounds of illhealth.

LIEUTENANT RICHARD S. JAMES, R.N.V.R., who before the war represented Burgoyne, Burbidges & Co., Ltd., East Ham, London, E.6, has been promoted Lieutenant-Commander.

FLYING-OFFICER EDWARD J. DENSLEY, R.A.F., elder son of Mr. E. G. Densley (Wm. Chas. Brumleu), 48 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. A. W. Mann, Ph.C., Donegall Square North, Belfast, has been recently bereaved by the death, at the age of ninety-one, of his mother, Mrs. Fanny M. Mann, Loy Hill, Cookstown, co. Tyrone.

LIEUTENANT SCHIMMER, R.N.V.R. (Brome & Schimmer, wholesale druggists, London, S.E.I), has now returned to England for home service after having spent nearly three years in the East.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT CYRIL PARKINSON, M.P.S. (Parkinsons, Ltd., Burnley), who has been in charge of Clitheroe Squadron, Air Training Corps, has been appointed to the charge of the Burnley Squadron.

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT (now Squadron-Leader) WALLACE GORDON SHADFORTH, younger son of Mr. William Shadforth, Ph.C., 63 Grove Road, Bow, London, E.3, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

LIEUTENANT A. G. SMALLEY, a son of Mr. Charles Smalley, M.P.S., 6 Carr Street, Ipswich, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "outstanding courage, determination and devotion to

duty in H.M. ships in successfully escortir convoys to North Russia in attacks from enemy submarines and aircraft."

MESSRS. CHARLES TINDALE, WILLIA RUFF and P. W. E. ATKINSON, who wer mentioned in connexion with the purchas of a business by Mr. Tindale (C. & D May 20, p. 538), were each apprenticed the late Mr. John Brooks, Flowergat Whitby. At one period all four pharmacist had their own businesses in the town.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM GORMAN, Ph.C Street, Carrickfergus, co Lancastrian Antrim, N. Ireland, was amongst pilot and observers who took part in a recen prolonged battle against U-boats, which were attacking one of the largest Britis convoys ever sent to Russia. Lieutenan Gorman, whose registration as a pharma ceutical chemist dates from January 1941 was formerly a member of the Home Guard He enlisted as a cadet in the Royal Nava Volunteer Reserve, and was soon commissioned as a sub-lieutenant. Following his distinguished action in the convoy episode he was promoted lieutenant. Lieutenant Gorman used to assist Instonians and Carrick at Rugby football, and captained an inter-provincial side on three occasions. A skilled oarsman, he was a member of a Carrickfergus crew which won four trophies in 1937.

Mr. Cleasby Chorley celebrated at Mbuya, Uganda, on March 26, the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding at St. Philip's Church, Earl's Court, Kensington, London, W., in 1894. Mr. Chorley qualified as a chemist and druggist in Edinburgh in January 1894, and was at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and later at New Malden and Raynes Park for some years before emigrating to Uganda in 1911. In Uganda he was first associated with Mr. Bertie-Smith in a pharmacy at Entebbe, taking over the business upon the latter's death a year later, and subsequently he opened the first chemist's shop in Kampala. In 1914 Mr. Chorley joined the Uganda Medical Service, and served with the Army throughout the whole East African campaign in the war of 1914-18. After the war he organised the Government pharmacy laboratories in Entebbe, and continued in Government service until his retirement in 1932. For his outstanding services to the Legislative Council of the Protectorate he was awarded a special pension of £200 per annum.

A COMING-OF-AGE ANNUAL MEETING

HE twenty-first annual meeting of Leeds ranch of the Pharmaceutical Society, on ay 17, unanimously passed a resolution oved by THE SECRETARY (MR. G. C. CRUM-ACK) and seconded by MR. M. JACKSON precating the action of Leeds Health mmittee in failing to appoint pharmacists supervise the dispensing of medicines in e City hospitals, "thus denying to the tients the right they hold if insured under H.I. in domiciliary treatment." solution suggested, as a first measure, the rly appointment of a chief pharmacist to -ordinate and supervise the buying, pplying and dispensing of all drugs and edicines in the hospitals, followed eventuy by bringing the pharmaceutical service Leeds hospitals into line with that of her cities. "While not interfering with any esent appointments," said the resolution, his will relieve Medical Officers of the stody of Dangerous Drugs and of the sponsibility for dispensing of medicines, d will afford opportunity for bringing armaceutical departments abreast of odern therapeutics."

ficers and Reports

Mr. C. S. CHALLINOR, Castleford, who had ted as chairman during the period of health of Mr. Edgar Buckley (now welmed back), was elected *Chairman* for the ar, with Messrs. Paul Dobson and C. Crummack re-elected *Treasurer* and cretary, respectively, and Messrs. Buckley d A. L. Peters as Vice-chairmen. Mr. irr became golf secretary in place of Mr. ickley, on the latter's request for release. Mr. Crummack's annual report compliented Mr. A. W. Lupton, M.C., first secrery of the branch, upon his being honoured th the degree of M.Sc.; and put on record e Branch's support of the candidature of r. T. Heseltine (a member of the National narmaceutical Union Executive) in the ection for the Pharmaceutical Society's buncil. Branch strength was now 491 full embers and thirty-four apprentices and sociates. The Committee was planning a oposed scheme of refresher courses for embers from the Services on their return, nd was in contact with Leeds Division of e British Medical Association with a view certain joint consultations about the ture of the health services.

As indicated, the Branch was celebrating to twenty-first anniversary of its formation. The actual date of inauguration was ovember 8, 1922, when a meeting was held

for the purpose at the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters, Leeds. The chair at the initial meeting was taken by Mr. H. Gilleghan (chairman, Leeds Chemists' Association), and the first elected chairman was Mr. F. Pilkington Sargeant, who was present at the meeting to explain, with Mr. E. Saville Peck, the branch system then newly organised by the Council. Other appointments were of Mr. A. W. Lupton as secretary and treasurer; Messrs. N. N. Armitage; J. H. Beacock; R. Broadhead, Batley; C. W. Duffin, Wakefield; G. Heughan, Dewsbury; S.N. Pickard, Ossett; A. Riley, Bramley; and G. C. Crummack, N. Payne and H. Roberts, Leeds, as committee.

Outstanding Members

During its lifetime the Leeds Branch has produced a president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. F. Pilkington Sargeant), two chairmen of the National Pharmaceutical Union Executive (Messrs. H. Gilleghan and T. Heseltine), and two chairmen of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association (Messrs. N. Pickard and N. N. Armitage). In 1930 Mr. A. W. Lupton became chairman, and the secretaryship was taken over by Mr. G. C. Crummack, Ph.C., who has remained in office. A few years later, Mr. P. Dobson, the present treasurer, took office. The most important activity of the Branch has perhaps been the local organisation of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, Leeds, in 1934, when Dr. C. H. Hampshire (a Yorkshireman) was Conference chairman. The chairman of the local committee was Mr. J. H. Gough, and the joint local secretaries were Messrs. G. C. Crummack and J. F. Simon. -An unusual feature of the Conference was the attendance of members at an England v. Australia test match at the Headingley ground. The Leeds Branch was a pioneer in the preparation of a scheme for the training of apprentices, and the system has worked well from the start, though there are at present not many apprentices for whom to legislate. A direct outcome of the apprenticeship scheme has been the appointment of an advisory committee on pharmacy at the Leeds College of A badge of office for the Technology. Branch chairman was presented by the then proprietor of Goodall, Backhouse & Co. (Mr. W. P. Bowman), who also presented a cup for the golf club organised as a Branch activity. Mr. N. N. Armitage presented an ivory gavel, inscribed "N.N.A.," for use at committee meetings.

The oldest exhibit in the archives of the Branch is a syllabus of the Leeds Chemists' Association, 1874–75, and it is of interest to note that the subjects of the meetings included such a wide range as "Preservation of Syrups," by Mr. James Abbott; "A Beginner's Notions of Geology," by Mr. William Smeeton; "Thomas Graham—His life and Chemical Work," by Dr. T. E. Thorpe; the "Metric System of Weights and Measures" (a discussion introduced by Mr. S. Taylor); and "Oxygen and its Compounds, With Original Experiments," by Mr. Thomas Fairley.

N.P.U. Branch Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Leeds Branch of the National Pharmaceutical Union, held on May 16, re-elected Miss Florence Cousin to the dual office of *Chairman* and *Secretary* which she had held for some years past. Mr. W. Eaddie was re-elected *Treasurer*,

and Mr. Edgar Buckley (a former chairma who was welcomed back after absen through ill-health, became Minuting Second tary. The officers, with Mr. W. F. Ken (immediate past-chairman) and Messr F. J. Carr, L. Carr, F. A. A. Jones, J. Sch field and F. C. Stock, were the new Comittee, with Messrs. N. N. Armitage, A. Peters, T. Shooter and T. Heseltine a ex-officio members. The meeting approve 'outline of views on the administrative structure proposed in the White Paper of Health Services" as recommended by th Joint Committee for adoption by th Pharmaceutical Society, the N.P.U. and th Pharmaceutical Standing Committees for Scotland. Proposals of the National Join Industrial Council for Retail Pharmacy for wages and working conditions in employe pharmacy were considered, and it was th general opinion that any minimum fixed i wages should be the same for both sexes.

BIRKENHEAD ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

BIRKENHEAD and Wirral Pharmacists' Association and Branches of the Pharmaceutical Society and National Pharmaceutical Union held their annual meetings on May 17, when Mr. W. R. Evason was elected President in succession to Mr. H. C. Tristram. Members voiced their regret at the continued indisposition of Mr. Tristram, to whom it was decided to send a message of thanks and appreciation for services rendered and wishes for a speedy restoration to health. Other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Mr. C. H. Crawshaw; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Dewar; Secretary, Mr. F. G. Collins; Social Secretary, Mr. Waterworth; Auditors, Messrs. F. J. Nicholls and Peter Grant; Representatives to Chamber of Commerce, Messrs C. H. Crawshaw and P. Grant; Committee, Messrs. F. Haworth, G. L. Hale, G. F. Lunt, A. Williamson and W. Price.

No Pharmacies Closed

The Secretary reported a small increase in membership of the Association, meetings of which had had to be restricted owing to black-out conditions. No businesses in Birkenhead had been closed as the result of call-up of staff or enemy action. The social secretary (Mr. Waterworth) reported on the difficulties of arranging accommodation for social fixtures, but hoped it would be possible to hold a dance later in the year. Attention was directed to the Benevolent Fund, to which was sent £15 15s.; £1 is. was voted to each of five local charities.

Mr. C. H. Crawshaw referred to a lette from the town clerk about displaying posters advising that bleach cream wa available on the premises for use in ar emergency, and it was decided to obtain posters for all the shops in the town.

Mr. F. Haworth suggested the Association should try to arrange post-graduate courses for chemists. It was decided to make inquiries on the subject. Another member asked if it would be possible to arrange for biochemistry classes at Liverpool, and the meeting agreed that inquiries should be made from the Pharmaceutical Society and contact made with the Liverpool Chemists Association to ascertain their views.

Minimum Wage Proposals

The committee having considered proposals in respect of wages and working conditions for pharmacists, the meeting approved the following suggestions: qualified manager, minimum £6 10s. per week; manageress, £5 15s.; qualified male assistant, first year, £5 5s., rising by 5s. per week for later years to £6 10s.; female assistant, 15s. per week less; male assistant who has served apprenticeship but not qualified at twenty years, £3, with 4s. weekly rise after first year to £4, female assistant, 10s. per week less; forty-eight-hour week, exclusive of meal times; overtime not applicable to qualified pharmacists employed in managerial capacity or as assistants. The committee considered the proposals should stand for the war and two years after.



NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL UNION

MEETINGS of the Executives of the National Pharmaceutical Union and Chemists' Defence Association were held in London on May 23 and 24, Mr. W. J. Tristram in the chair. Reports of meetings of the Accounts, Business Services and Central N.H.I. Committees were received and approved.

Sixth Addendum Ointments

Following on correspondence between the secretary and the Ministry of Health on possible further changes in the formulas of certain ointments in the Sixth Addendum to the British Pharmacopæia, and in view of the evidence placed before the Executive that these ointments were incompatible with many other ingredients, it was resolved to make representations to the Pharmacopæia Commission. A letter was also received from the West Riding Pharmaceutical Committee on the subject.

THE SECRETARY reported that renewed representations had been made to the Board of Trade about short supplies of teats. A reply had been received that an additional rubber allocation had been made earlier in the year for their production. As there was apparently little improvement in the position, it was resolved to make further representations to the Board of Trade in regard both to the shortage of supplies and to the need to secure more equitable distribution.

Unstamped Pipettes

Arising out of a report from the Central N.H.I. Committee, previously presented to the Executive Committee, the Secretary said he had ascertained that unstamped pipettes of the fountain-pen filler type were in use on many dispensing counters; an immersion-type pipette, stamped by the Board of Trade, had been available for a number of years, and limited quantities could still be supplied. It was resolved to inform the Ministry of Health that the Executive agreed that pipettes used for dispensing purposes should be stamped, but that enforcement of the requirement was dependent upon adequate supplies of stamped pipettes being available.

Following the secretary's report that the joint negotiating committee of the National Joint Industrial Council for Retail Pharmacy had met on May 9 and made some progress towards formulating a draft agreement on wages and working conditions, the matter was considered in detail, and instructions were given to the N.P.U. representatives on the negotiating com-

mittee. The question of enforcement of J.I.C. wages agreements was also considered, and the secretary reported that the position in the retail distributive trades generally was being explored further with the Ministry of Labour.

Conferences Cancelled

The Secretary reported the cancellation, at the request of the Minister of War Transport, of the Conferences of Pharmaceutical Committee Representatives and of N.P.U. Branch Delegates which where to have been held on May 30 and 31. The agendas that had been prepared for both of these Conferences were received and approved, and it was resolved to approve the secretary's action in cancelling the Conferences, and to make arrangements to hold both Conferences so soon as possible.

Correspondence and Resolutions

A letter was received from the secretary of the Warwickshire Pharmaceutical Committee on the question of remuneration and the constitution of the proposed Central Pharmacy Board. Resolutions on matters arising out of the White Paper proposals were received from Brighton Pharmaceutical Committee and the Southend Branch of the N.P.U. Resolutions on certain aspects of remuneration for N.H.I. dispensing were received from the Isle of Wight Pharmaceutical Committee and the S.E. Metropolitan Branch of the N.P.U. It was resolved to send a letter to the Committees concerned stating that the Executive does not regard the present time as opportune for reopening negotiations on dispensing fees with the Ministry of Health, in view of the extensive changes contemplated under the White Paper proposals.

A report upon the working of the N.P.U. clearing house was received, and Messrs. West & Drake, chartered accountants, were appointed to audit the transactions monthly.

War Funds

The Secretary reported that no further claims on the Air-raid Mutual Assistance Fund had been received, and that all claims previously outstanding had now been settled. As the fund was in a very satisfactory position, it was resolved to extend the cover provided for a further period of three months from June 25, without further subscription. The secretary of the War Distress Fund Committee reported that there had been no new applications, and

hat payments being made to the six outtanding applicants continued. A total ubscription of £28,350 13s. 8d. had been eceived at the time of the meeting.

Chemists' Defence Association

Two claims arising out of accidents attriuted to cycling errand boys were among hose settled by the directors at a meeting n May 24. In the first, involving personal juries to passengers in a taxicab, settlement was made in association with the axi owner's insurance company by payment of £1,221. In the other claim, also hvolving injuries to passengers, a settlement was effected by payment of £28. The

directors confirmed the settlement, at a cost of £56, of a claim arising from the alleged supply of camphorated instead of castor oil. A small claim arose from the supply by a member of caustic soda, properly labelled, in response to a request for "bread" soda (presumably sod. bicarb. was required), showing how difficulties may arise through war-time shifts of population and the use of local names which cannot always be identified with certainty. Defence facilities were provided for a member eventually fined £1 and costs under the Food (Conditions of Sale) Order, 1940, following a refusal to sell saccharin tablets except with an unsweetened food product.

CARLISLE QUESTIONS MR. McNEAL

MEETING of the East Cumberland Branch the Pharmaceutical Society was held at arlisle on May 25. Mr. J. W. BOWMAN, om the chair, introduced the speaker, R. J. F. McNeal (a member of Council), ho gave a short description of the work the Benevolent Fund, explaining how embers could double their gifts, without rther expense to themselves, by signing a venant form. He said that an extension the present National Health Insurance heme, making use of existing pharmacies, as favoured by the Joint Committee, and ntended that, when the scheme was lly in being, pharmacists would come into Dispensing would probably eir own. e to six or eight times its present proporons, and regulated hours of service would en be essential. Provided a proper fee as forthcoming, all dispensing would have be done by pharmacists, the only excepns being apprentices and students under pervision. Suggestions were invited for better system of pricing—particularly in pect of proprietaries, and Mr. McNeal edged that chemists would be consulted fore any definite steps were taken towards ing fees. In return he asked that branches ould help by discussion.

armacists on Health Bodies

MR. WARD asked how many pharmacists buld be on the health services committees.

MCNEAL said that no definite inforation had yet been given. He advised pharacists to insist on area and central comttees being elected rather than nominated.

MR. SHARP suggested getting rid of the tional Formulary, thereby putting the ctors on their mettle.

Mr. A. J. Eves, Wigton, raised the queson of dispensing for patients in country districts, often ten miles from a pharmacy. Would the doctors continue to dispense?—MR. McNeal said that no definite reply could be given at present. In one country district medicines were delivered at a cheap rate by the postal authorities.

Miss Bell asked if the committees would be composed of employers or employees or both.—Both would need to be represented.

Mr. Hall asked what would become of chemists' side-lines.—There was nothing against them in the scheme but, with the increase in dispensing and payments, they would become less necessary.

Mr. N. C. Chester asked whether the number of pharmacies could legally be restricted.—The scheme allowed for this.

MR. J. R. WARD asked if the limitation of pharmacies would result in the opening of numerous drug-stores.—Dispensing, said MR. McNeal, was the job for which pharmacists were trained and the scheme would make it a worth-while job.

Training for Biochemical Diploma

Miss Bell said that, as the Diploma in Biochemical Analysis was restricted to qualified pharmacists, it seemed ridiculous that members of the Society were not allowed to have training by any suitable person in their own district. So long as they passed the examination that should be all that was required. To insist on only approved schools was preventing many pharmacists from obtaining the diploma. Mr. McNeal promised to bring the matter before the proper authorities.

Mr. McNeal was accorded the thanks of the meeting on the proposal of Mr. J. D. Hunter, seconded by Mr. J. C. Bowes, Wigton. A collection in aid of the Benevolent

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Post-war Industrial and Labour Policy

the various White Papers issued by the vernment dealing with post-war subjects document entitled "Employment licy" (C.M.D. 6527, price sixpence) is in iny respects the most important. e first time the Government accepts as e of its primary aims and responsibilities e maintenance of a high and stable level economic employment. Realising, hower, that employment cannot be created Act of Parliament or by Government tion alone, the White Paper does not at e moment outline legislation to give ect to its proposals. The aim throughout to bring about conditions favourable to maintenance of full employment, but due course there is no doubt much legision which will directly affect industrial d labour conditions will be required to nfer the necessary powers.

mediate Post-war Years

Dealing with the transition period from r to peace, it is realised that although demand at home and overseas for all sses of goods and materials will for some ars be insatiable, the problem of switching

over from the Services and from war industries to normal peace-time employment some twenty-three million men and women is not likely to be achieved without patches of unemployment and a good deal of waste. Skilled hands for a particular industry may be released but the raw materials necessary for their employment may not be available or the factories, machines and equipment for their use not ready. Full output and employment in one industry depends on the production of other industries. Semimanufactures will have to be produced before full manufacture even begins. Yet, during this time, the demand for manufactured goods will be abnormal and it may outrun supply and create an inflationary rise in prices.

Machinery of Change-over

In order to assist in the change-over and to safeguard against the danger of inflation the Government proposes:—

- I. To assist firms to prepare to switch over their capacity to peace-time production as quickly as possible.
- 2. To find out in advance where the skilled labour which will gradually become available for civilian work will be most urgently required.
- 3. To arrange that labour and raw materials will be forthcoming for urgent civilian work and ensure that the machinery of allocation devised in war-time will be adaptable to the special conditions likely to obtain after the end of the war in Europe.
- 4. To arrange for the curtailment of munitions production in areas where the capacity and labour can be used for civilian products of high quality.
- 5. To dispose of surplus Government stocks without prejudicing re-establishment of normal channels of production and distribution of similar goods.
- 6. To regulate disposal of Government factories in such a way as to help towards the early restoration of normal employment.
- 7. To stabilise the general level of prices by continuing rationing for some time ahead and to continue to encourage the habit of saving.

Control of Industry

It is proposed that capital shall be controlled to the extent necessary to regulate the flow and direction of investments. In this transition period access to the capital market will have to be controlled. In order to direct the activities of industry in the production of essentials certain broad priorities will be enforced for a time by the issue of licences, raw materials will be allocated, and labour and staffs will be controlled. It is indicated that exports will be of paramount importance and home demand-whether for consumption goods or capital expenditure—must not be allowed to divert valuable resources needed for exports. Production for the home market must be directed in the first place towards the necessities of civilian life, and until these primary needs are met our resources in materials and labour should not be expended in the production of luxuries for home consumption. It is considered essential that during the early post-war years imports shall be regulated.

Distribution of Industry and Labour

It is proposed to attack the problems of local unemployment in the following ways:

- 1. By so influencing the location of new enterprises as to diversify the industrial composition of areas which have been particularly susceptible to unemployment.
- 2. By removing obstacles to the transfer of workers from one area to another and from one occupation to another.
- 3. By providing training facilities to fit workers from declining industries for jobs in expanding industries.

In order that the Government may be well informed of the course of industrial development, industrialists contemplating the establishment of new factories or the extension of an old one, or the transfer of a factory from one area to another, will be required to notify the Government before their plans reach an advanced stage. This will enable the Government to exercise a substantial influence over the location of new industrial developments, and power is to be taken to prohibit the establishment of a new factory in a district where serious disadvantage would arise from further industrial development. In exercising this influence account will be taken of strategic as well as industrial and other considerations. The measures required to balance and diversify industry will vary from or area to another. The channel for the expression of policy in this matter is to be the Board of Trade.

Whitehall Control

The proposals for combating the dange of unemployment and curbing any tendence towards inflation in the immediate post-wa years may be considered revolutionary i character and are likely to meet with stror opposition. It seems certain that Govern ment Departments will be delegated wit almost unlimited powers and this authorit over industry and labour will be challenge in the light of war-time experiences of suc control and direction by Whitehall. Th difficulties of re-starting the wheels peace-time industry, and re-settling i economic employment some twenty-thre million men and women, and the contro of prices, are not likely to be achieve without some national co-ordinated an controlled effort. The coming change-ove will be a much greater problem than that which was left to its own solution with suc disastrous results after the last war. Thi time the Government, having accepted th responsibilities of assuring full employment for all, has mapped out a scheme which i aimed at effectively organising industry of a national basis during the crucial year following the end of hostilities in Europe

Silence on Taxation

The White Paper omits to make an reference to the need for substantial reduction in income tax and excess profits ta as a practical means of assisting the reviva of industry. The question of whethe income tax should be paid in respect of export business is one that will have to be met if we are to build up our seaborne trade

The second half of the White Paper outline long-term proposals to ensure full and stablemployment following the period of the immediate post-war years and these we will refer to in next week's issue. In the meantime we would recommend every manufacturer and distributor and retailer in the drug trade, and, for that matter, every employee too, to obtain a copy of "Employment Policy" and carefully study the proposals.

A Triumph of Production

has recently been announced that the nited States beverage distilling industry s produced to date enough alcohol to meet e entire synthetic rubber, direct military, d Lease-Lend requirements since Januy I, 1942. This tremendous production hievement of an industry which was put a full war basis in October 1942 has en described as an almost unparalleled ample of the overnight conversion of an tire industry from peace to war. What is means in figures of production can be preciated by the fact that the beverage lustry contributed 410,000,000 gallons of cohol to the war programme during the riod from January 1, 1942, to April 1, 44, while the demands for synthetic bber, direct military and Lease-Lend purses during the period totalled 405,000,000 lons; the beverage producers' alcohol

output was enough to provide the butadiene that would be required in the manufacture of 120,000,000 average-size synthetic tyres.

In 1942 the beverage distilling industry produced about 120,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol. In 1943 it produced nearly 228,000,000 gallons. Total Government stocks reached a peak of nearly 140,000,000 gallons by the end of July 1943. but have been decreasing since that time because the butadiene plants are now in operation and are producing at a gratifying rate, corresponding to well over their original rated capacity. Requirements for 1944 are estimated at 630,500,000 gallons, of which more than one-half is for the rubber programme. The Chemicals Bureau of the War Production Board has reported that alcohol production for March of this year established a new record, 51,500,000 gallons of 190 proof alcohol produced.

PUBLIC PHARMACISTS' ANNUAL MEETING

E twenty-first annual meeting of the ild of Public Pharmacists was held in ndon on May 20, Mr. J. Moore in the ir. On the motion of Mr. Phillipson, onded by Mr. Cox, the following were cted scrutineers in the 1944 election:—sees M. Cornelius and D. M. S. James; ssrs. B. G. Gotts, G. P. Roderick, and Soulsby. Consequent upon an error de in compiling the ordinary members' lot-paper, Mr. Barstow proposed and . Currie seconded that votes registered favour of Mr. Lawson should be acdited to Mr. A. Lawson Saul. The tion was carried and the scrutineers tructed to that effect. The following ten sons, who volunteered to act as scrucers in the 1945 election of a Guild ncil, were elected on the motion of ss Islip, seconded by Mrs. Webb:—ses M. E. Brighten, D. M. Jones, O. B. tcher, G. A. Milner, and D. M. James; ssrs. J. R. Elliott, F. W. J. Hooper, W. Soulsby, J. W. Spense, and C. H. ces.

IR. WHITTET proposed, Mr. Barstow onded, and it was carried, that Messrs. mpion and Greenway should be re-elected bitors.

1R. D. H. S. Cox, presenting the balance ct for the year 1943, which had been viously circulated, proposed that a lation of £5 5s. should be sent to the levolent Fund of the Pharmaceutical Society and an equal amount to the Society's War Aid Fund. Mr. ROYAL seconded, and the proposal was carried. THE TREASURER expressed thanks to the auditors. Mr. J. H. Wood (secretary) drew attention, under the new constitution and rules, to the rather different method of electing both ordinary and district members of council and officers. A report was given upon work undertaken as a preliminary to salaries negotiations by, on the one side, the Institute of Hospital Almoners, Society of Physiotherapists, Society of Radiographers and Guild of Public Pharmacists, and on the other the British Hospitals' Association, Association of Municipal Corporations, London County Council, County Councils' Association and Mental Hospitals' Associa-Mr. Hugh N. Linstead, O.B.E., M.P., is acting as chairman of the employees' side. The post-war hospital planning secretary (Mr. John Moore) reported to have made considerable progress towards producing a memorandum on the White Paper; publicity would be given to it at an appropriate time. The secretary pointed out that some months earlier he had informed the council that, if he were elected as a member of council, he would, owing to pressure of work, regretfully have to relinquish the secretaryship of the Guild. THE CHAIRMAN expressed appreciation of the secretary's efforts, and regretfully accepted his decision.

Registrar's Report

Mr. A. G. Shaw, who had been elected as registrar following the calling-up of Mr. Carey, reported that membership of the Guild was now 636 (567 ordinary and sixty-nine honorary members). The latter figure included members serving with H.M. Forces. Mr. Shaw paid tribute to the newly elected honorary members (Miss A. Gilliatt and Miss E. B. Blundell).

Acceptance of the reports given by the three officers was proposed by Mr. W. L. Wood, seconded by Mr. Stephenson and carried.

Rules and Resolutions

The council proposed that Rule 15 of the new constitution and rules should be altered to read:—

Members of council and committees of council shall receive from the treasurer reimbursement of expenses necessarily incurred in attending meetings, as from time to time approved by the council.

The proposition was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

MR. CURRIE detailed a proposed amendment to Rule 21. Miss Islip seconded, and after much discussion the meeting decided that the following should be added to the existing rule:—

In each district there shall be a district committee consisting of the district member of council and one representative from each branch in the district, who shall be elected annually. The district committee shall meet at least twice in each year. Expenses of the branch representatives attending the meetings of the district committees shall be met by the branches, but any branch unable to meet such expenses shall have the right to appeal to the council for a grant from the central funds. All other reasonable expenses incurred by the district committees shall be met by the treasurer of the Guild, subject to the approval of the council being obtained for any meetings held in excess of four in any one year.

A motion put forward by Mr. F. G. Fleming, who in turn accepted amendments suggested by Mr. Henriksen, was carried after discussion. The motion was as follows:—

The annual general meeting of the Guild of Public Pharmacists gives support to the proposals outlined in the Government's White Paper on a National Health Service, and urges upon the Government the necessity of employing pharmacists at all administrative levels of the service and in the pharmaceutical departments of all hospitals and health centres which it is hoped will be set up as an important part of the health service, and

that such resolution, if carried, shall the brought to the notice of the Pharmaceutic Society, the Ministry of Health and the "Pharmaceutical Journal."

Birmingham Branch put forward a proposal through Messrs. Sambidge an Grainger: "That the country should the divided into twelve districts, with a district member of council representing each. I maintain the original number of sixtee council members, ordinary members of council would be reduced to four." The subject evoked lively discussion and finall the proposers and Mr. Grainger agreed the take the motion back to the branch for reconsideration.

Election Results

The Secretary read out the results of the council election, for which 234 votin papers had been returned, of which twenty six were invalid. Ordinary members electe were Mr. D. H. Cox, Miss L. N. Firtl Mr. R. H. Henriksen, Miss E. Hodgkinson Miss M. C. Islip, Messrs. J. Moore, F. I Royal, A. G. Shaw, J. J. Tinney, and J. H. District members elected wer Wood. Mr. D. Currie, Scottish district; Miss I Dobie, North-western district; Mr. A. N Stephenson, North-eastern district; E. H. Hartley, Midland district; and M. S. F. Izzard, South-eastern district. MI J. BILLINGTON moved a vote of thanks t the scrutineers; Mr. W. L. Wood seconder and the meeting carried it with applause.

Meeting of Council

The ninety-ninth meeting of the counc of the Guild, which was held in London o May 19, decided to send a further note t the Pharmaceutical Society urging that th Guild should be represented on any joir committee discussing the White Pape proposals. A reply from the Society to previous communication on the subject wa considered unsatisfactory. MR. CURRI (secretary of the salaries committee of th Guild) reported upon the preliminary nego tiations taking place on salaries of hospita pharmacists (as mentioned on precedin page). It was hoped that a preliminary meet ing between the two sets of representative would take place in June.

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS.—Advertisers and subscribers are reminded that owing to wa conditions the Head Office of The Chemistand Druggist, 28 Essex Street, London, W.C.2 is closed on Saturdays until further notice Urgent instructions relating to advertising and subscriptions should be sent to the C. & D. 17 Argyle Street, Bath, Somerset.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

THE monthly meeting of the Pharmaeutical Society's Council was held on
une 7, the president (Mr. W. S. Howells)
a the chair. THE PRESIDENT congratulated
he two new members who had recently
een elected (Messrs. Brocklehurst and
leseltine) and cordially welcomed them.
If R. BROCKLEHURST hoped his membership
f the National Pharmaceutical Union and
ther bodies would prove of some value to
ne Council. Mr. HESELTINE declared that
is main plank was closer unity with other
harmaceutical organisations. The Council
hen proceeded to the election of officers.

he New President

MR. Howells said he would like to move hat their vice-president (Mr. F. G. Wells) hould be appointed *President*. Mr. Wells ad served on the Council and most of the anding committees for many years, and ad been vice-president for four years. e was therefore well qualified to fill the

gh office of president.

MR. KNOX MAWER seconded, and said at in Mr. Wells they had a gentleman ho realised the responsibility of that high fice, which he would discharge with credit himself and honour to the Society. he days ahead would be difficult, and the sponsibilities heavy, but the Council had ery confidence in the ability and zeal th which those duties would be discharged.

Mr. Wells.

The election of Mr. Wells as president as carried unanimously with acclamation, id the retiring president invested him

th the chain of office.

Mr. Wells thanked the members for the nour they had done him in electing him the position of president. He would deavour to the best of his ability to phold the dignity and traditions of the ciety. He supposed that every president d thought his particular year was going be one of paramount importance. He w before them certain matters which ere going to call for much thought and ergy if they were going to get what he It to be the best out of them. He referred ore especially to the setting up of a mprehensive National Health Service. ready a committee had been set up, nich was now engaged in working out the sential details, ready to submit them to e members. It was a matter for regret at the Conference which should have been ld the following Monday had had to be ncelled. At the present moment their thoughts were directed towards the front across the Channel, in which one of the greatest struggles of history was taking place, and in which, no doubt, many pharmacists were actively playing their part, and he felt it would not be out of place if he was to say that the Council wished them God speed in their task, a speedy victory, and above all a safe return (applause).

Other Officers

The new President then invited nominations for the vice-presidency.

Mr. Hirst said they had to find a capable deputy for Mr. Wells, and in the difficult time ahead officers might have to be called together quickly. That would rule out, he thought, many of the northern members, who had to come a long way. It was essential they should have someone from London, and he felt they must back up the retail chemists by electing another retailer as vice-president. He therefore nominated Mr. J. F. McNeal, who, he felt sure, would give Mr. Wells every help. Mr. Tristram seconded and the election of Mr. McNeal as Vice-president was carried unanimously.

MR. McNeal thanked the Council for their confidence in him, and said he would do his best to uphold the tradition and

dignity of the office.

On the nomination of Mr. A. A. Meldrum, seconded by Mr. C. W. Maple-thorpe, the reappointment of Mr. H. C. Shaw as *Treasurer* was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Shaw said he appreciated the

confidence placed in him.

THE PRESIDENT said it was then his pleasure to ask the Council to show its appreciation of Mr. Howells' two years as president. Mr. Howells had won the esteem and regard of everyone round the table by his ability, tact, unfailing courtesy and restraint. He had never spared himself in his work, which had entailed the chairmanship of many committees besides the Council itself, and many journeys under exceedingly difficult conditions. He had pleasure in moving that the thanks of the Council should be minuted to Mr. Howells (applause).

MR. Howells briefly paid tribute to Mr. Linstead and the staff for the help they

had given him.

THE SECRETARY read a letter of thanks from the New Zealand Pharmaceutical Society for books sent to the New Zealand School of Pharmacy.

(To be concluded.)

PHARMACY UNDER THE AXIS

The following notes on matters of pharmaceutical interest have been taken from German, French and other newspapers, as well as from other sources.

Dutch East Indies

Natives as Pharmacists.—The Japanese have announced that in future natives of the Dutch islands may train as pharmacists.

France

Ox-blood Serum.—The Lyons Committee for Children's Health is distributing an ox-blood serum which is said to be having beneficial effects. The local radio claims that children to whom it has been given have increased in weight by several kilos.

Poland

Stolen Medicines.—For exchanging rare medicines for food, a chemist's assistant in Poznan has been sentenced to two years' hard labour. According to the report the assistant received certain medicines at a reduced rate and stole others.

Jugo-Slavia

"Home-made" Soap in Hospitals.—The Association for Industrial Oils has announced that hospitals in Jugo-Slavia able to obtain waste fat will be supplied with the necessary quantities of caustic potash to enable them to make soap. Particulars of the soap so made will have to be entered into a register.

Medicinal Herbs .- The collecting of medicinal herbs has become a subject of controversy in Jugo-Slavia. Recently the Agricultural Producers' Association announced that its members would undertake the collection of herbs, and advised members to get into touch with school teachers to arrange for children to help in the work. The Association went so far as to publish a list of prices that would be paid for the herbs, including poppy flowers, apple leaves, raspberry leaves, crab-apple leaves and a number of others. Now the Medicinal Herb Section of the National Service Ministry has stated that it alone is responsible for the buying of herbs, that it will organise the collections, and that the prices offered by the Agricultural Association are arbitrary and unofficial.

Medicines for the People.—"Novo Vreme" announces that the Serbian Red Cross distributed, during a twelve-months' period, 633,050 tablets for rheumatism and chills, and 505 doses in powder form. Quinine has been distributed to the amount of

63 kilos in powder and 11,245 tablet Meanwhile the Health Ministry has issue a direction to chemists about prescriptior. It states that when a drug included in prescription is not available or is available only in small quantities, the chemist muleither find a substitute or reduce the quality of the drug used. A list of substitut is to be distributed among chemists.

Germany

Exports.—The authorities have estimate that exports of medicines for 1943 w probably be found to exceed those for 1942 by 66 per cent. Drugs and med cines are stated to be exported to thirt two different countries. To meet the dmand there has been a considerable increas in the acreage given over to the cultivatio of medicinal plants.

Belgium

New Insurance.— Le Nouveau Journal reports that Belgian chemists have bee asked to take part in a new insuranc scheme which is now being worked by the Medical Association and Friendly Societies A National Committee composed of doctor and chemists is to be set up to organis clinics, the distribution of medicines, and the general economic structure of the scheme.

Bulgaria

Soap.—In Bulgaria the soap situation habecome acute. There is no regular rationing in fact, there is no soap to ration. Supplie occasionally reach the shops, and customer are informed that the number of tablet each person may purchase is limited by the Government. Special cards are issued in advance to ensure that the distribution is fair. Last month, for example, "Zora' announced that every household in Sofa would be allowed one cake of toilet and two cakes of tar soap.

Herbal Remedy for Malaria.—The Bulgarian newspaper "Zora" announces that Ahtarov, an official of the Royal Scientific Institute, speaking on the subject of medicinal herbs, declared that 20 to 30 gm. per day of the roots of Fraxinum excelsior (mountain ash), in half-a-litre of boiling water, is a good remedy for malaria. The roots are also said to be good for diarrhæa and dysentery. While not plentiful, the root is found in certain mountainous parts of the country. Export is prohibited.

CHEMISTS' FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

MEETING of the Council of the Chemists' riends Association was held in London on ay 16, the president (Mr. F. J. Smith) the chair, THE SECRETARY reported ceipt of a letter from the Registrar of riendly Societies outlining amendments quired to the draft new constitution and les before the Association could be regisered as a trade union. It was resolved to corporate the requirements of the Regisar into the new constitution and rules, and nat registration as a trade union should e effected as from January 1, 1945.

andards Committee

The meeting received a report from the F. Standards Committee, which had met ior to the Council meeting, and had elected r. S. J. Stearn as its chairman for the mainder of the year, in place of Mr. E. C. ipps, who had resigned on his retirement om business. Mr. R. C. Feather was elected fill a vacancy on the committee caused the resignation of Mr. Cripps.

An application from Zems, Ltd., London, 15, for the addition of Bartox medicated ot salts to the schedule of an existing C.F.

reement was approved.

To put into effect an official requirement at the sale of L.82 diabetic orange and non squashes (sugar-free) should be coned to chemists, the manufacturers con-rned submitted an application for incluon of these products in the C.F. list. The plication was accepted on the terms plicable to other similar products.

embership

Three applications for manufacturer embership of the Association were conered of which one was accepted subject to e manufacturers undertaking to distribute eir products upon medical recommenda-n only, and to amend their trade terms en the Goods and Services (Price Control) t, 1941, ceased to operate. A second plication was rejected and consideration the third was deferred.

Brontan, Ltd., London, E.C.2, submitted the Council's approval a new label for ontalene eye lotion; this was accepted. rifty-seven applications for maintenance supply of C.F. products to businesses apporarily converted into drug-stores were sidered. Fifty-three were approved, two used, and two referred back.

The Council also considered matters

nected with the Goods and Services (Price

Control) Act, 1941; issue of a C.F. window display showbill; distribution of C.F. products in a rural area; and deposit charges on returnable containers. A suggestion by a C.F. manufacturer that wholesale terms should apply only when named minimum quantities of his products were supplied was not approved.

C. & D. DISPENSING PRICE LIST

The drug index increased in May by o.1 to 134.8, owing to diverse changes affecting certain key drugs and preparations, In the corresponding month in 1943 the figure was 134.3. The changes in prices are:-

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		vel pulv	I	8	0	7	0	1		
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. 13	oz.	Ext. thymi liq	_	- 1	2	I	0	4		
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54	lb.	Hellebori nigri rad.								
		pulv	2	3	0	9	0	2		
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33	lb.	Liq. hamamelidis	I	4	0	6	0	1		
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TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not include marine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergence.

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, June 7

As might be expected at this time, first interest in the markets, as elsewhere, is given to current military events, with business taking a second place. In general, trade during the past five days has been quiet, with few price changes to record. Dealers report that the unsatisfactory supply position of a number of commodities precludes the filling of any but the smallest orders, and it is this type of trade that predominates. No further developments have occurred in PHARMACEUTICAL CHE-As announced last week, new MICALS. price schedules for CAFFEINE and THEO-BROMINE are now available; supplies, however, are subject to approval of the Directorate of Medical Supplies.

Crude Drugs

Dealers report that business in these markets has been reduced to quite small proportions, principally on account of the meagre supplies of many items now available. Apart from a few fractional changes, prices have remained stable. The position of Balsams is unchanged, with allocations granted for Tolu. Indian Belladonna remains in difficult supply, and only the lower testing root is available. CARDAMOMS are exceedingly quiet, with previous quotations repeated. Ergot is short, but last week's price is unaltered. MENTHOL continues in good demand, but sellers are lacking. Orange peel has now been cleared. Pimento is reported fractionally easier on spot. Rhubarb continues in keen request, but spot stocks are depleted, with the price tending dearer. There are no further spot supplies of SARSAPARILLA, and replenishments are unlikely for some considerable time. SEEDS are quiet and without quotable change.

Essential Oils

Little of interest can be expected in the "free" markets for ESSENTIAL OILS, as business in this direction is virtually at a standstill because of lack of supplies. Prices mentioned for Anise (STAR) and Peppermental moted recently, but supplies are exceedingly difficult to find. English distillers' prices for Clove and Nutmeg are unchanged.

GINGERGRASS and PALMAROSA are available at the prices mentioned, but EUCALYPTU is short. No changes have occurred in the current schedule for fixed oils and fats.

Exchange Rates on London

During May no alterations occurred in th foreign exchange rates on London. Bank c England fixed rates include New York, 4.0 dollars; Montreal, 4.45 dollars; Dutch Wes Indies, 7.60 florins; Lisbon, 100 escudos Stockholm, 16.90 kroner. The Spanish rat is steady at 44 pesetas and the Chinese Nationa dollar is unchanged at $3_{1\bar{6}}^{1}d$.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ACETANILIDE.—Crystals may be obtained a 2s. 5d. per lb., and powder at 2s. 6d.

Benzyl Benzoate.—For medicinal use only at from 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

Boric acid.—B.P. quality is quoted by makers as follows: Granulated, £70 per ton, crystal, £71; powder, £72. Packed in one-cwt. bags, delivered carriage paid in Great Britain in one-ton lots and upwards. Commercial grades, £8 per ton less.

CAFFEINE.—New prices per lb. are as follows; supplies subject to D.M.S. approval:—

			Sn	ıall	s ·	7 lb	28 l b	
Alkaloid, B.P. Citrate Sodium benzoate Sodium salicylate	::	::	3 2 2 2	4	!. o o o o	s. 34 23 23 23	d. 0 0 0 9	

Tins extra when supplied.

CALAMINE, B.P.C.—Quoted at is. 8d. per lb. for 7-lb. lots, and is. 6d. per lb. for 28-lb. lots.

MAGNESIUM TRISILICATE, B.P.—Prices current per lb. in the home market, from June 1, are as follows:—

	In containers of					
Quantity	ı lb.	4 lb. 7 lb.		14 lb. 28 ll		
Under 4 lb. 4 lb. to 7 lb. 7 lb. to 14 lb. 14 lb. to 28 lb. 28 lb. to 112 lb.	s. d. 4 I 4 0 3 II 3 IO 3 9	s. d. 3 10½ 3 9½ 3 8½ 3 7½	s. d. 3 8½ 3 7½ 3 6½ 3 6½	s. d. - - 3 7 3 6	s. d. - - - 3 5½	

Prices net one month,

Santonin.—Home-trade prices are as follows: b kilos and over, £62; not less than 5 kilos, £6; 500 gm., £66; 500 gm., £66; 600 gm., £67; 100 gm., £68; less than 100 gm., 90 per kilo. Carriage paid in United Kingdom.

Terpineol.—B.P.C. quality may be obtained 35, 3d. to 4s. per lb., for medicinal use.

THEOBROMINE.—New prices per lb. are as llows; supplies subject to D.M.S. approval:—

	Smalls	7 lb28 lb.
aloid, B.P.C	s. d. 45 0 26 6	s. d. 43 6 25 6

Tins extra when supplied.

Vanillin.—Current rates per lb. are as lows: 5 cwt., 21s. per lb.; 1 cwt., 21s. 3d.; lb., 21s. 6d.; less than 56 lb., 21s. 9d.

Crude Drugs

AGAR.—Business is confined to small transtions at the controlled price of 30s. per lb.

Antimony.—Prices and supply position are changed. English minimum 99 per cent. ulus, £120 per ton, delivered; 70 per cent., the home trade, £100 per ton, delivered.

Ammoniacum.—Spot supplies are offered by lers at 2s. per lb.

ARECA NUTS.—Available in small compass on t at 115s. per cwt., ex store:

BALSAMS.—The position as outlined last week 608) is unchanged.

BELLADONNA.—Supply position of Indian res continues difficult; price would be ninal at 5s. 3d. per lb.; Indian root, spot, per cent., 33os. per cwt.

SENZOIN.—About £35 per cwt. would be ited for any remaining supplies.

Suchu Leaves.—In small supply on spot at roximately 5s. 3d. per lb.

AMPHOR.—Chinese crude, in limited coms, can be obtained by users at ros. per lb.; ., also in small supply, IIS. 6d., subject to LS. approval.

ARDAMOMS.—Aleppy greens, spot, 5s. 6d. lb.; Aleppy seed, 6s. 6d.; split seed, 5s. 6d. lb. Business is exceedingly quiet.

HAULMOOGRA.—Spot price of *Hydnocarpus*, ins in cases, remains at 1s. 6d. per lb.

HILLIES.—The only variety offered is Momit; price unchanged at 115s. per cwt., sellers.—Oves.—Zanzibar quoted at 1s. 3d. per lb.; trive, unquoted.

DCOA BUTTER.—Fixed price remains at is. per lb., ex factory or warehouse, except ales made under Ministry of Food licence. GITALIS *LEAVES.—Portuguese leaves conto to be offered on spot at 140s. per cwt.; ish-grown leaves, 2s, 6d, per lb.

Dragon's Blood.—The spot price of any available dull Zanzibar drop would be in the region of £25 per cwt.

Ergot.—Spot supplies are meagre; price would be approximately 6s. 6d. per lb., according to holder.

Gum Acacia.—Kordofan cleaned sorts, spot, 8os. per cwt.; bleached, shipment, 14os., c.i.f.; Talha, cleaned, 3os. per cwt., landed.

LIQUORICE ROOT.—Russian root can be bought for pharmaceutical purposes at 85s. per cwt. Single-peeled Syrian, spot, 11os. per cwt., subject to D.M.S. approval.

MENTHOL.—Continues in good demand, but no supplies appear to be offering.

MERCURY.—Official spot quotations range from £68 ros. to £69 r5s. per flask, according to conditions and quantity, with higher rates for smaller lots and redistilled grades.

Nux vomica.—Spot offers of Cochin are at 40s. per cwt.; shipment, 35s., c.i.f.; forward price of Cocanada seeds would be 32s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.

Orange Peel.—The small lots mentioned last week have now been sold.

Pimento.—Sellers on spot at the fractionally easier figure of is. $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.

RHUBARB.—Rough round is quoted on spot at 10s. per lb., and flat high-dried at 10s. 6d.

Sarsaparilla.—The native red mentioned last week has been sold and further supplies will not be available for some time.

Senna.—Alexandrian medium pods are at 4s. per lb.; Tinnevelly, manufacturing grade, 6d. to 6½d.; hand-picked, 8½d. to 1s.; broken Alexandrian leaves, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.; siftings, 1s. 2d.; Tinnevelly, No. 1, 9d. to 10½d.; No. 2, 7d. to 7½d.; No. 3, 5½d. to 6d.

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VALERIAN ROOT.—Indian root continues to be offered on spot at 105s. per cwt., ex store.

Waxes.—Bees'.—Supplies may be obtained only through members of the Association of Merchant Distributors of Beeswax; official prices are as follows: Crude, 260s. to 290s. per cwt.; refined, 315s. to 355s.; bleached, 340s. to 370s.; Calcutta, crude, 250s. to 270s.; Calcutta, bleached, 325s. to 335s. Cannauba.—Fatty grey, 440s. per cwt., ex store, in minimum one-bag lots; shipment, 390s., c.i.f.; Primeira, 525s. to 540s. per cwt., ex store, nominal; shipment, 475s., c.i.f.; medium yellow, 530s., nominal; chalky grey, 430s., nominal; shipment, 377s. 6d., c.i.f. (c.i.f. prices include ½ per cent. W.R.I.). Candellilla.—Under 1 ton, 220s. per cwt.; 1-3 tons, 217s. 6d.; 5 tons and over, 215s., ex store. Ouricuri.—Spot, 290s. to 330s. per cwt., according to quality.

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Castor.—Firsts are quoted at £92 per ton and seconds at £90, both naked ex works, in bulk quantities.

CINNAMON.—Leaf oil would be worth approximately 13s. 9d. per lb.

CLOVE.—Quotations by English distillers are steadily maintained at 11s. 6d. to 12s. per lb., according to quantity.

EUCALYPTUS.—In poor supply on spot. Small lots would be worth around 7s. 6d. per lb.

GERANIUM.—Genuine North African oil, spot, about 85s. to 90s. per lb., according to quantity.

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GROUNDNUT.—Bulk supplies are officially priced as follows: Refined deodorised, £58 per ton; refined hardened deodorised, to 40°, £62; refined hardened deodorised, to 50° to 52°, £63; all naked ex works.

NUTMEG.—English distillers quote at 35s. per lb., with lower prices for quantities.

LINSEED.—The official price of £60 per ton for bulk supplies of crude, naked ex works, is unchanged.

OLIVE.—Edible oil is priced at 25s. 9d. per gallon of 9 lb., ex store.

Palmarosa.—Offered on spot at approximately 55s. per lb.

Peppermint.—About 190s. per lb. is being mentioned for any available small supplies.

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As noted recently, the price to the user of West Indian distilled Lime oil has been advanced to 50s. per lb., owing to differences in insurance rates. The figure is a maximum one and may vary,

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(From "The Trade Marks Journal," May 10'

"Digital"; for pharmaceutical preparations digitalis (5). By Sharp & Dohme, Ltd., Brocket Road, Hoddesdon, Herts. B619,87

"MINACOL"; for preparations for treatment human digestive disorders (5). By Bleasdal Ltd., 23 Colliergate, York, 624.6: Colliergate, Ltd., 23 (Associated).

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Council Candidates' Thanks

SIR,—May I, through your columns, ank all members who registered their otes in my favour?—Yours sincerely, Boscombe.

H. RIDEHALGH.

Sir,—May I, through you, tender thanks the 1,159 persons voting for me in the cent election?—Yours faithfully,
Shipley.

J. WILKINSON.

SIR,—Allow me to express my thanks and deep appreciation to all those who apported my candidature in the Pharmaputical Council election.—Yours faithfully, Glasgow, W.2. A. B. GILMOUR.

SIR.—Please convey my sincere thanks to the 1,412 members of the Society who sted for me, and also to the scrutineers who idertook the arduous task of counting the otes.—Yours faithfully,

Torquay. E. J. Bowerman.

SIR,—I should be glad if you will publish y thanks to those voters who voted on y behalf in the recent election. I thank u also for the space facilities given me as candidate.—Yours faithfully,

Torquay. H. Holmes.

SIR,—I wish to thank all members who ted for me during the very short period was a candidate for election, also those embers who, had the need arisen, would ve furthered my candidature. Thanking u.—Yours faithfully,

R. MACDONALD MURRAY.

Middlesbrough.

Synthetic Quinine

SIR,—With reference to a rather curious scription in the London "Evening Stand-1" of an alleged discussion on this subject th the late Mr. David Howard, I was impted to turn up in our archives the idence of an incident which occurred in 36 of which he used to speak with conerable amusement. He received a letter m a gentleman announcing that he had in the size of which he enclosed sample, and suggested that it would be rth considerable sums of money to the n to secure the secret of this process ich, he alleged, produced quinine at less in one-eighth the cost of extracting it m cinchona bark. The then partners in firm were considerably agitated, but on

examining the sample in the laboratory they discovered a small piece of red wax which was easily identified as being of the same composition as that used in those days in sealing our 1-oz. quinine vials. Rather magnanimously David Howard did not proceed against the gentleman, but merely wrote to say that he was not interested in the process. Nothing further was ever heard of the matter. Of course, this old story casts no reflection on the announcement of the present discovery in America.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFRY E. HOWARD.

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Pharmacy and the White Paper

SIR,—I am instructed to bring to your notice the following resolution which was adopted unanimously by the annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Group (Socialist Medical Association):—

"This annual general meeting of the Pharmaceutical Group of the Socialist Medical Association welcomes the Government's White Paper on a National Health Service; it believes that the proposals set out therein form a sound basis on which to build the service. Pharmacy has an important contribution to make to the National Health Service; and this meeting is of the opinion that public interest will be best served if, in addition to utilising the existing service of retail pharmacies, well-equipped pharmaceutical departments, adequately staffed by pharmacists, are provided in the Health Centres as these are set up."

Yours faithfully,

S. F. IZZARD,

Secretary, Pharmaceutical Group, London, N. Socialist Medical Association.

SIR,—The dispensing side of pharmacy is divided into two groups. The largest group comprises retail shops and stores, which aid the medical profession by supplying the pharmaceutical needs of those who are only slightly ill, or who prefer, and can afford, home medical and nursing care for more serious ailments; the second group, the hospital pharmacists, serves persons with contagious diseases, surgical cases, and the more serious cases in which hospital treatment and observation are indicated. Will the free socialised hospital service offered under the White Paper cause the citizen to run to the hospital for every minor ailment simply

because he is entitled to free treatment and board? Will physicians, assured of their fees whether the patient is at home or in the hospital, abet the condition, in their own interest? The possibility exists. Too many physicians today have a "hospitalisation complex." If this should occur, what will be the result of overcrowding the hospitals? Will there be a sharp rise in the costs of Will there be an overadministration? whelming increase in the burden placed on hospital pharmacies, already undermanned? Will this result in an unfair comparison of public and hospital pharmaceutical services with those of shops, because of differences in costing systems, etc. Will there, finally, be a consequent large drop in dispensing in retail shops? The questions re'ate simply to one phase of pharmacy's coming economic and political problem. Only by dynamic drive combined with cool-headed consideration of all phases of these problems can a fair and adequate answer be gained. Let us stop being "left out."

Yours faithfully, Manchester, 9. W. E. PHILLIPSON.

"Clamours for Information"

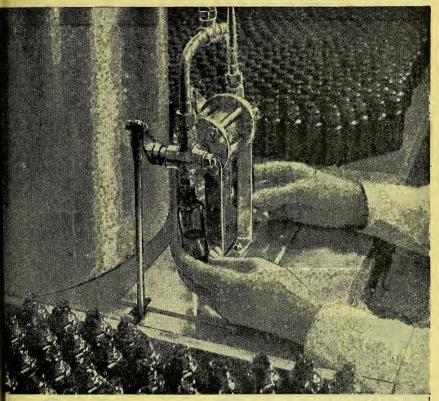
SIR,-The implication in the "Pharmaceutical Journal," to which you drew attention in an editorial (C. & D., June 3, p. 599), that my suggestion for the abolition of secret sessions of the Society's Council may have been made to further the interests of grocers, chain stores, ironmongers proprietary medicines, is easily refuted. My statement of policy was 100 per cent. "pharmacy for the pharmacist." I de-I declared that the chain store is a menace to pharmacy and, in a letter on the proposed National Health Service, forecast a possibility that proprietary medicines would gradually disappear, to the everlasting advantage of pharmacy. As for the ironmonger, I just didn't give him a thought. The 1941 Act did much for the chain store, the grocer, the ironmonger and proprietary medicines, but I had nothing to do with that, though the Council did their share. Full information on the Council's discussions and activities would be of great advantage to pharmacy. Every member would feel as though he had a share in the deliberations, and that his feelings and interests were being considered. It would do much to break down the apathy which unfortunately runs through pharmacy. The president's statement, made at the annual meeting, that "The Council is not a body which is under any obligation to conduct any part of its proceedings in public," m be true, but it is contrary to the democrat principles which this country is fighting uphold. One presumes, from this slight truculent statement, that members shou be very grateful for the few crumbs information which are tossed their way. a democratic system, it is only the constru tive voice of the critics which directs arig the actions of the men in power. If we a to know nothing of important deliberatio until the decisions have been made, the our organisation is losing the valual stimulant of criticism and suggestion. Sin our organisation is run on "hush-hush lines, the responsibility for many thin wrong with pharmacy (miserable N.H. remuneration, the 1941 Act, pharmacis being allowed to cut each other's dispensi prices, preferential treatment shown to the B.Ph. degree over our own Ph.C. degree low wages for pharmacists in the pre-w years) rests largely with the Council. The call-up of pharmacists has been bad mismanaged, and unless a strong stand taken now, an epidemic would throw pha macy into chaos. So far as we are awar nothing has been done to ensure that servir pharmacists will be released from the Forc as quickly as possible after peace is declare Yours faithfully,

Boscombe. HARRY RIDEHALGH.

SIR,—Re your leader "Clamours f Information," you will recall that I adv cated in my election address "that the pharmaceutical Press should be able report the work of our secretary ar councillors, and that we should have t secret sessions of the Society's Council Why does the "Pharmaceutical Journal favour the idea that the Pharmaceutic Council should try to solve the problen of pharmacy without regard to the 25,00 members of the Society? We find the san tendency displayed by the secretary the Society (N.B., not of the Council) whe he says that he considers that a referendul would not produce a satisfactory resul It is quite possible that it would show the the members do not agree with the Cour cillors if the members were better informe the pharmaceutical Press. through presume that that would be unsatisfactor to Mr. Linstead. In reply to the charg made against "clamours for information, I can state that I have no concern i "grocers, the ironmonger, the chain stor or with proprietary medicines."
Yours faithfully,

Bangor. EIRWYN OWEN.

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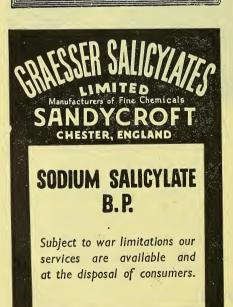
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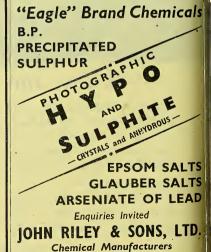
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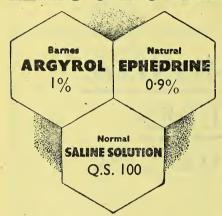
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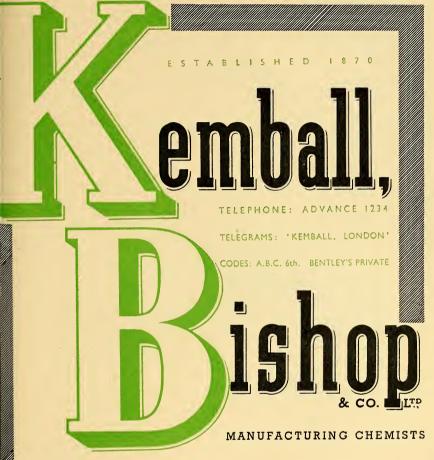
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